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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD/TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENTS  
OF GUATEMALA AND MEXICO

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 2731

1. THIS EMABSSY MYSTIFIED BY DR. WILLIAMS MESSAGE REPORTING  
REFTEL TO PRESIDENTS OF GUATEMALA AND MEXICO, URGING THAT  
THEY "REFRAIN FROM ANY DISRUPTION OF PEACE" IN RESPECT TO  
BELIZE. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, MEXICAN POSITION ON  
BELIZE/GUATEMALA DISPUTE HAS BEEN CONFUSED OVER PAST SIX  
MONTHS WITH APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN STATEMENTS BY  
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON ONE HAND AND FONSEC RABASA ON THE  
OTHER. FORMER STATEMENTS HAVE PLACED MEXICO ON SIDE OF  
GUATEMALA, E.G., EXPRESSING GOM RESPECT FOR "HISTORIC RIGHTS  
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IN BELIZE." HOWEVER, NEITHER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA NOR

HIS PREDECESSORS FOR DECADES, TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE,  
HAVE SHOWN SLIGHTEST INCLINATION TO "DISRUPT PEACE"  
WITH RESPECT TO BELIZE.

2. UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS OR OTHER INFORMATION  
RELATING TO DR. WILLIAMS STATEMENT, OF WHICH WE ARE  
UNAWARE, WE THINK IT LIKELY GOM MAY TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION  
TO STATEMENT, WHICH SEEMS A LITTLE PRESUMPTUOUS.  
FOR PORT OF SPAIN: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT DR. WILLIAMS  
VICTIM OF GROSS MISUNDERSTANDING ON POSITION OF MEXICO  
ON THIS ISSUE? AS WE HAVE REPORTED, ECHEVERRIA DID  
REFUSE TO MEDIATE BELIZE/GUATEMALA DISPUTE, BUT THIS IS  
A FAR CRY FROM THREATENING THE PEACE.  
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